

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 209
By Kisber

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Billy Schrivner on being inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it was with immense pride that we learned that veteran official Billy Schrivner, a resident of Jackson, has been selected as one of just 14 persons being inducted this year into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, an extremely rare honor; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame was established in 1982 to honor high school athletes, coaches, contest officials and others for their extraordinary achievements and accomplishments in high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, induction ceremonies for the elite 1997 class will be held July 9 at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the National Federation of State High School Associations 78th annual convention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schrivner began officiating high school basketball and baseball in 1953, and football the following year. He officiated baseball for 17 years and basketball for 35 years and retired, after 38 years as a gridiron official, in 1993; and

WHEREAS, he expertly officiated more than 5,450 high school games in his exemplary career, also working in numerous district, regional and state championship basketball tournaments; football playoff games and bowls; and numerous All-Star games; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Schrivner began distinguished service as a Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association basketball supervisor in 1968 and a football supervisor in 1982. He has been widely praised for his outstanding work in this area; and

WHEREAS, he is a valued member of Board of Directors of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and a member of the West Tennessee Selection Committee, and for the last seven years, has been a key contributor to the annual Hall of Fame banquet; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Schrivner helped found the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame; he served as its president for nine years and remains an active member of its Board of Directors. He has also been inducted into the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame.; and

WHEREAS, he has served with extraordinary diligence and dedication as a Gulf Coast Conference football official for 20 years, working NAIA championships, NCAA Division II title games and numerous playoffs; and

WHEREAS, this “officials official” has also officiated several NCAA play-off games, Division II regional basketball and baseball tournaments and games in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Ohio Valley Conference, and the Volunteer State Athletic Conference, and at the National Junior College Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Billy Schrivner generously contributes his time and expertise as a member of the Board of Directors of American Legion Baseball and the Connie Mack Baseball program, as an NAIA supervisor of officials and as a member of the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Schrivner established the Tennessee Video Sports Company which produces videotapes for all high school sports in Tennessee. Although not designed to make a profit, the company has been a major success in promoting Tennessee high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, he continues to serve God faithfully as a 27-year Deacon at Skyline Church of Christ in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor this outstanding citizen of our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Billy Schrivner on a highly deserved honor, being selected a member of the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, and recognize the tremendous contribution he has made to high school athletics, both nationally and locally and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.